



Duvall News

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Community Member:

Just as we recover from the snow, we see another record being set with flooding. Fortunately for our city we did not experience damage, just the usual challenges in making sure we were able to communicate road closures and other on-goings to the citizens and make sure the information was as up to date as possible. I hope that you found the website and TV station helpful during the floods.

Speaking of snow, in the last newsletter I promised that I would have an update on what the city could do differently IF we ever see another storm that blesses us with 30 inches of snow. On the city website you will find a letter detailing the specifics, yet for those that cannot visit the city website, a few of our possible improvements include: looking at contracting with King County to de-ice at least the snow route and main arterials when a major snow storm is forecasted and purchasing a supply of de-icer to store and use with our sand, when needed. Another possibility will be to look into the cost of setting up a dump truck we are in the process of purchasing for the sewer utility with a plow. This dump truck will be twice the size of our current dump truck and likely more productive at removing snow. We will also entertain using the website and channel 8 TV station more efficiently to share information as it becomes available. However, with these additions come costs. Staff, Council and I will have to weigh all of the options and see if any or all are appropriate expenditures. To manage expectations and share information about normal snowfall events, please visit our website and review our "snow and ice removal plan".

The last two items I would like to bring up are the Main Street project and the economy. Tri-State construction (our contractor) is doing a great job on the project. We are committed to keeping path ways open and not blocking the entrances to the businesses, so please follow signs and directions when in the project area. We appreciate your patience in working with us during this special project. Please see the website for updates. Also please visit the downtown businesses and all of the businesses in our city during these trying times. I know they would appreciate you stopping by. I am also very aware that the economy has hit all of us in many different ways. Our city is learning to live with fewer employees, and it is not easy, but we, just like you are making due. So thank you for your patience. Next month our city council is holding its annual retreat and I know one of the topics will be the economy. As part of this discussion, I will be reaching out to a number of you to

talk about the economy, our city and hear from you on how we can all work together during these challenging times.

Finally, I will be at CC's on February 14th (Valentine's Day) from 9:00-10:30am for those that want to meet with me to discuss whatever is on your mind.

Sincerely,

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DISCOVER YOUR DUVALL

Please help us welcome Russ & Heather Riedner who will soon open **Duvall Coffeehouse**. The new coffee-house will be located where P&G Speakeasy Café was. They will open in mid-February. Welcome to Duvall!

For those who have not strolled through Historic Downtown recently, we challenge you to **Discover your Duvall**. Discover a service or shop that can replace your commute and save you money in fuel costs!

GET INVOLVED IN DUVALL!

Do you enjoy music, dance, visual arts, history, movies, theater and other cultural activities? The Duvall Cultural Commission (DCC) currently has two vacant positions.

DCC is made up of 7 members appointed by the Mayor. Commissioners are appointed by the mayor and confirmed by the city council to serve a three year term. DCC is an all volunteer organization with a city staff liaison.

Regular meetings are held the second and fourth Monday of each month at 6:30 PM. Commissioners should be available to participate in DCC sponsored events. It would be helpful for candidates to have experience or a strong interest in any of the following: visual arts, children's programs, media/public relations, or administrative/ organizational skills. Essential requirements include a passion for the arts, a desire to be involved, and a willingness to take on responsibility. Commissioners must live within the Riverview School District boundaries.

Interested applicants should contact Kass Holdeman, Chairperson, Duvall Cultural Commission at 206-715-6693, kassholdeman@msn.com before February 20th.

Applications are available at City Hall and online at duvallwa.gov.

IDENTITY THEFT IS A CRIME.



The term refers to a type of crime in which someone illegally uses another person's personal and/or financial data fraudulently and, typically, for economic gain. The Federal Government developed a simple system to help prevent people from falling victim. Remember the word *SCAM*:

- S- Be *stingy* about giving out your personal information to others unless you have reason to trust them, regardless of where you are. Adopt a "need-to-know" approach to your personal data.
- C- *Check* your financial information regularly and look for what should be there and what shouldn't.
- A- *Ask* periodically for a copy of your credit report – at least a couple times a year.
- M- *Maintain* careful records of your banking and financial history.

If you think you have fallen victim to the crime of identity theft, act immediately:

- Contact your creditors for advice and to obtain current account status records with detail.
- Contact your local police agency IF the offense occurred in the local jurisdiction.
- Contact the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) to report the situation - 1-877-ID THEFT.
- Contact the Washington Attorney General's Office
<http://www.atg.wa.gov/ConsumerIssues/ID-Privacy.aspx>

MAIN STREET CONSTRUCTION UPDATE



Sidewalks! After 3 months of hard work a great deal of progress has been made on the West side of Main Street. Crews have slip lined the sewer, installed new water mains and service stubs; conduit and vaults for power, phone, and cable; and have replaced large sections of an aging storm system.

The first sidewalk panels were poured on January 19th and a large portion of sidewalk is now in place. You will notice gaps in the sidewalk where poles are located and connections remain to be completed.

Please come down, check out our progress and help support your local businesses. Visit the Main Street link through the City's website, duvallwa.gov, for project pictures, updates and parking information.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



February 12 & 26: City Council Meetings - 7:00 p.m. in the meeting room of the Duvall Fire Station.

February 5 & 19: Planning Commission Meetings - 7:00 p.m. at the Duvall Community Center.

CELTIC CONCERT AND CEILIDH

A ceilidh (pronounced kay-lee) is a traditional Gaelic social dance common in community halls throughout Ireland and Scotland. People of all ages come out to socialize and dance to lively reels and jigs. A caller instructs the dancers in simple basic dance steps to the accompaniment of fiddles, guitar, tin whistles, and Uilleann pipes.

Saturday, March 7, the Duvall Cultural Commission hosts a Celtic concert and ceilidh in **Cherry Valley Elementary School's multi-purpose room**. Local Celtic musicians Susan Burke and Friends open the evening at **6:00 p.m.**, followed by a concert set of traditional Irish music by Seattle-based trio Crumac. At 8:00pm it's time to clear the floor for the dancing portion of the evening with caller Erin Raney teaching the steps to every dance. Erin also teaches a **free Irish step dance workshop** from **1:00 – 3:00 p.m. at TJ Dance Studio** located at 14701 Main St. NE., #C-1 in Duvall. Call 425-788-2983 for more information.

Tickets for the concert and dance are \$5 per person or \$15 per family. Tickets are available in advance at Duvall City Hall, Duvall Books, Cherry Valley Veterinary Hospital or online at www.brownpapertickets.com/event/53314, as well as at the door on the night of the event.

The Duvall Cultural Commission presents Crumac courtesy of Town Hall Seattle's "Zing Go the Strings" project that pairs Puget Sound arts presenting organizations with outstanding local folk and traditional performers. "Zing Go the Strings" is funded through a generous grant from The Boeing Company. Additional support for this event comes from the Washington State Arts Commission, the National Endowment for the Arts, and 4Culture.

